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"MRT APPARATUS METHOD AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

PRODUCT FOR DETERMINING THE SPEED OF A MEDIUM"

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,317,620

AB United States Patent No. 6,031,374

AT "Techniken der Magnetresonanz-Angiographie," Laub et al., electromedica. Vol. 66, No. 2, pages 62-70 (1998)

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office on December 7, 2005 in connection with the counterpart German application.

A copy of Reference AT, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed, is submitted herewith.

A translation of Reference AT is not readily available to the Applicant.

Reference AT provides a general overview of various magnetic resonance

angiography techniques, including the time-of-flight (ToF) technique, the phase contrast technique and the contrast agent-enhanced technique.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

Should this Information Disclosure Statement cross in the mail with a first Office Action, it is still in compliance with 37 C.F.R.§1.97(c), and no fee is necessary. Accordingly, the undersigned counsel states, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.§1.97(e)(1), that each of the above items was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in connection with a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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